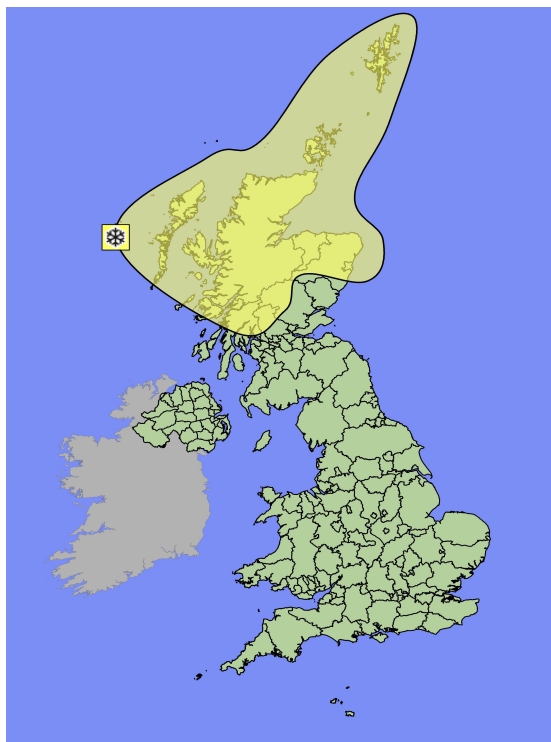




National Severe Weather Warning Service



Chief Forecasters Assessment

A depression moving into Scandinavia will drag cold air southwards on its western flank on Saturday. The resulting wintry blast will bring a brief return to cold weather as snow showers stream into parts of Scotland. There is currently some uncertainty about the amount of snowfall but it looks very likely that severe conditions will be experienced in some highland areas.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning of Snow**

Valid from **06:00 on Sat, 18th Feb 2012** until **23:59 on Sat, 18th Feb 2012**

Following overnight rain, there will be icy patches at first this morning over northern Scotland. Snow showers will then become frequent and heavy at times over much of northern and northwest Scotland including the Grampians during Saturday. Accumulations of snow of 5-10cm are likely away from the immediate western and northern coastal fringes, with locally 15cm likely over higher ground. In addition, gale force winds will result in temporary blizzard conditions and drifting over higher ground. The public should be aware that this is likely to cause disruption.

For more details please go to:

http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_warnings.html

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